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FOLLOWING REPEAT LUSAKA 488 ACTION USUN INFO SECSTATE
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EO 11652: DECONTROL UPON RECEIPT

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SUBJECT: UNDAT: US POLICY

1. LOCAL DIRECTOR OF ECA SUB-REGIONAL OFFICE FOR EASTERN
AND SOUTHERN AFRICA, BAX NOMVETE, CALLED AT EMBASSY
MARCH 20 WITH QUERY CONCERNING US POLICY ON UN DEVELOPMENT
ADVISORY TEAMS (UNDAT'S). NOMVETE SAID ECA HAS
IMPRESSION USG INTERESTED IN CONTRIBUTING TO FUNDING OF
UNDAT'S BUT WANTS BOTSWANA, LESOTHO, AND SWAZILAND
(BLS) TO CONSTITUTE SUB-GROUP AND BE SERVED BY TEAM
PRINCIPALLY MADE UP OF US PERSONNEL. ACCORDING TO
NOMVETE, THIS WOULD MAKE US CONTRIBUTION TO UNDAT
APPEAR ESSENTIALLY BILATERAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM UNDER UN
COVER AND IT TENDS BE CONTRARY TO AIM OF USING UNDAT
CONCEPT TO DEVELOP CLOSER INTEGRATION OF BLS WITH
REST OF INDEPENDENT BLACK COUNTRIES IN AREA. ONE
CONSEQUENCE OF APPARENT US POSITION SEEMS TO HAVE
BEEN TO UNDERMINE INTEREST OF BLS AND PARTICULARLY
BOSTSWANA IN WORKING WITH ECA SUB-REGIONAL OFFICE HERE.

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2. NOMVETE ACKNOWLEDGED THIS ONLY AN IMPRESSION AND COULD BE ERRONEOUS. HE WOULD APPRECIATE OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS MATTER WITH APPROPRIATE USUN OFFICIAL IN NEW YORK NEXT WEEK. SAYS HE LIKELY BE ACCOMPANIED AT SUCH DISCUSSION BY ZAMBIAN DIRECTOR OF PLANNING W.K. NKOWANI. NOMVETE ARRIVES NEW YORK SATURDAY MARCH 23 DEPARTS MARCH 30. HE WILL BE STAYING AT TUDOR.

3. IF POSSIBLE BY COB HERE TOMORROW MARCH 22, WOULD APPRECIATE NAME AND TELEPHONE NUMBER OF US OFFICIAL ON WHOM NOMVETE SHOULD CALL.

4. TO ASSIST US IN DISCUSSION WITH NOMVETE UPON HIS RETURN HERE WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE OUTLINE US POLICY ON UNDAT.
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